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I. VISITORS --

1. GUINEA. PRESIDENT AHMED SEKOU TOURE OF GUINEA VISITED
LIBYA APRIL 17-23. HE WAS MET AT TRIPOLI AIRPORT BY COLONEL
QADHAFI AND ALMOST ALL MAJOR CIVILIAN AND MILITARY LEADERS IN
THE LARGEST RECEPTION ACCORDED TO A FOREIGN LEADER IN SOME TIME.
THE GUINEAN DELEGATION INCLUDED THE PRIME MINISTER AND SEVERAL
OTHER RANKING OFFICIALS. TOURE DELIVERED SEVERAL SPEECHES
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DURING HIS STAY IN BOTH TRIPOLI AND BENGHAZI WHICH EMPHASIZED
GUINEA'S SOLIDARITY WITH LIBYA IN FIGHTING "IMPERIALISM"
AND "NEO-COLONIALISM" IN AFRICA. THE TWO COUNTRIES
AGREED IN THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE TO EXPAND COOPERATION
IN VARIOUS COMMERCIAL, CULTURAL AND AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES.

2. EAST GERMANY. A GDR DELEGATION, DESCRIBED AS THE

LIBYAN-GERMAN FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY, ARRIVED IN BENGHAZI APRIL 14. LOCAL MEDIA REPORTED DELEGATION VISITED HEALTH, SCIENTIFIC, AND AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS IN EASTERN LIBYA. THE TRIPOLI NEWSPAPER AL-FAJR AL-JADID ALSO REPORTED THAT A GDR HEALTH TEAM MADE A SHORT VISIT TO LIBYA APRIL 15-18. IT GAVE NO FURTHER DETAILS.

3. KUWAIT. DR. FARUK AL-UMAR, ASST UNDERSEC OF KUWAITI CABINET, ARRIVED IN TRIPOLI APRIL 15 TO ATTEND KUWAIT CULTURAL WEEK WHICH WAS HELD APRIL 16-22. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION INCLUDED POETS AHMAD AL-SHAKAK, KHALID SA'UD ALFRED (AS REPORTED), AND YAKUB AL-SUBAI. ADDITIONAL MEMBERS WERE DR. SULAYMAN BADR; KAWTHAR AL-HADID, CHAIRMAN OF THE WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION IN KUWAIT; YAHYA AL-SURBAYAN; AND MUHAMMAD AL-HAMAD. ABD AL-AZIZ HUSAYN, MINSTATE FOR CABINET AFFAIRS AND CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CULTURE AND ARTS, ARRIVED APRIL 16 TO OPEN THE FESTIVAL.

4. BULGARIA. A BULGARIAN DELEGATION HEADED BY STATE COUNCIL MEMBER LALIOGHANSHEF PARTICIPATED IN A CELEBRATION APRIL 15 IN TRIPOLI CELEBRATING FORMATION OF A LIBYAN-BULGARIAN FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION. SEVERAL LIBYAN MINISTERS ATTENDED THE FESTIVITIES WHICH WERE ADDRESSED BY AHMAD SHAHATI, HEAD OF THE FOREIGN LIAISON BUREAU OF THE GENERAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS.
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5. SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE. RADIO TRIPOLI REPORTED THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE, LEONEL D-ALVA, VISITED TRIPOLI APRIL 19-22. HE WAS MET AT THE AIRPORT BY SECCOMMUNICATIONS AL-MADANI. THE NEWS BULLETIN ADDED THAT D'ALVA WAS CARRYING A VERBAL MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE TO COLONEL QADHAFI.

6. FAR. AHMAD AL-KHATIB, "PRIME MINISTER" OF THE FEDERATION OF ARAB REPUBLICS (FAR) WAS IN TRIPOLI DURING THE WEEK TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH LIBYAN OFFICIALS, INCLUDING CHAIRMAN OF THE GTPY IVPEOPLE'S COMMITTEE, ALI AL-UBAYDI.

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II. DEPARTURES --

7. SENEGAL. A DELEGATION HEADED BY UNDER FONSEC FOR
TECHNICAL AFFAIRS, AHMAD AL-ATRASH, LEFT TRIPOLI APRIL
18 TO ATTEND DAKAR ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE.
DELEGATION INCLUDED DIRECTORS OF THE ISLAMIC AND
AFRICAN DEPARTMENTS IN THE FOREIGN SECRETARIAT.
FONSEC TURAYKI WAS EXPECTED TO JOIN DELEGATION LATER IN
THE WEEK.

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8. ALGIERS. LIBYAN SECINFORMATION AND CULTURE
MUHAMMAD ABU AL-QASIM AL-ZUWAYY WAS IN ALGIERS APRIL
16-20 TO ATTEND CONFERENCE OF INFORMATION MINISTERS
OF THE CONFRONTATION STATES. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED ON
HIS RETURN BY YASIR ABD RABBUH, HEAD OF THE PLO
INFORMATION DEPARTMENT.

9. TUNISIA. SECLABOR AND CIVIL SERVICE MUHAMMAD AL-MAHJUB DEPARTED TRIPOLI APRIL 17 TO ATTEND THE THIRD SESSION OF THE AFRICAN LABOR COMMITTEE, A SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE AFRICAN LABOR ORGANIZATION, WHICH WAS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ITS DISCUSSIONS IN TUNIS APRIL 18.

10. FRANCE. FOREIGN SECRETARY TURAYKI VISITED PARIS APRIL 22 WHERE HE MET WITH FRENCH FONMIN GUIRINGAUD TO DISCUSS THE RENEWED FIGHTING IN CHAD AND FRENCH SUPPORT FOR THE MALLOUM REGIME. VISIT WAS APPARENTLY UNEXPECTED AND WAS ARRANGED DURING THE MEETING TURAYKI HELD WITH FRENCH AMBASSADOR JEAN PIERRE CAPOU APRIL 20.

11. MAURITANIA. MAURITANIAN MINSTATE FOR NATIONAL GUIDANCE ABDALLAHI OULD BOYE DEPARTED TRIPOLI APRIL 22 FOLLOWING EXTENDED VISIT. HE HAD ORIGINALLY ACCOMPANIED PRESIDENT MOKTAR OULD DADDAH TO LIBYA ON HIS OFICIAL VISIT HERE LAST WEEK. LOCAL MEDIA REPORTED THAT BOYE MET WITH QADHAFI BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE ALTHOUGH NO DETAILS OF THE DISCUSSION WERE NOTED.

III. CONFERENCES --

12. THE UNDERSEC FOR AGRICULTURE, NURI RUMA, OPENED THE INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON THE POULTRY INDUSTRY WHICH WAS HELD IN TRIPOLI APRIL 15-19. NO INDICATION UNCLASSIFIED

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WAS GIVEN BY THE LOCAL MEDIA OF THE EXTENT OF INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION IN THIS CONFERENCE. AN FAO REGIONAL OFFICE EXPERT NAMED DR. FAHMI ISSAWI WAS DESCRIBED IN THE MEDIA AS HAVING PRAISED, DURING AN ADDRESS TO THE CONFERENCE, THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE LIBYAN REVOLUTION TO SOLVING INTERNATIONAL FOOD PROBLEMS.

13. A WORKING CONFERENCE ON SOLIDARITY WITH CHILE WAS HELD IN BENGHAZI APRIL 17-19 (TRIPOLI 0604). DELEGATIONS FROM LIBYA, FRG, FINALD, USSR, POLAND, HOLLAND, SPAIN, BULGARIA, CHILE, ZIMBABWE, AND IRELAND WERE AMONG THOSE REPORTED AT THE CONFERENCE. THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE CALLED FOR THE CREATION OF A UNITED FRONT OF GROUPS OPPOSED TO THE PINOCHET GOVERNMENT. THE COMMUNIQUE ADDED THAT THE FRONT WOULD OPEN OFFICES IN MANY WORLD CAPITALS, INCLUDING TRIPOLI. THE CHILEAN DELEGATION (WHICH INCLUDED MRS. ALLENDE) MET BRIEFLY WITH QADHAFI APRIL 22 IN TRIPOLI.

14. THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS BETWEEN ARAB OIL TESTERS WAS OPENED APRIL 17 IN TRIPOLI BY LIBYAN SECPETROLEUM, IZZ AL-DIN MABRUK. ONLY NON-ARABS ATTENDING THIS CONCLAVE WERE THREE

AMERICANS, INCLUDING A REPRESENTATIVE OF USDOC NATIONAL
BUREAU OF STANDARDS.
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